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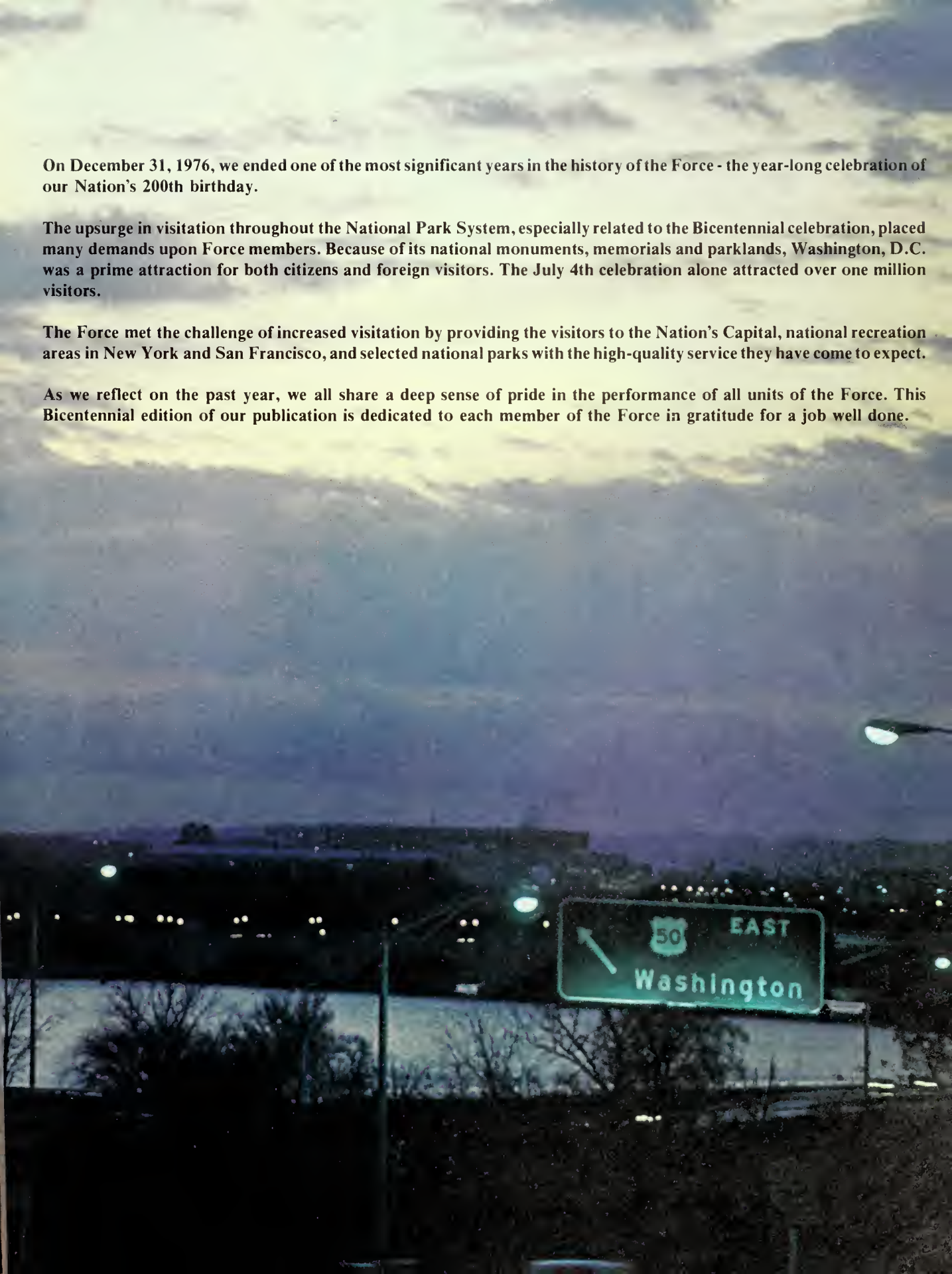
message from the chief

On December 31, 1976, we ended one of the most significant years in the history of the Force - the year-long celebration of our Nation's 200th birthday.

The upsurge in visitation throughout the National Park System, especially related to the Bicentennial celebration, placed many demands upon Force members. Because of its national monuments, memorials and parklands, Washington, D.C. was a prime attraction for both citizens and foreign visitors. The July 4th celebration alone attracted over one million visitors.

The Force met the challenge of increased visitation by providing the visitors to the Nation's Capital, national recreation areas in New York and San Francisco, and selected national parks with the high-quality service they have come to expect.

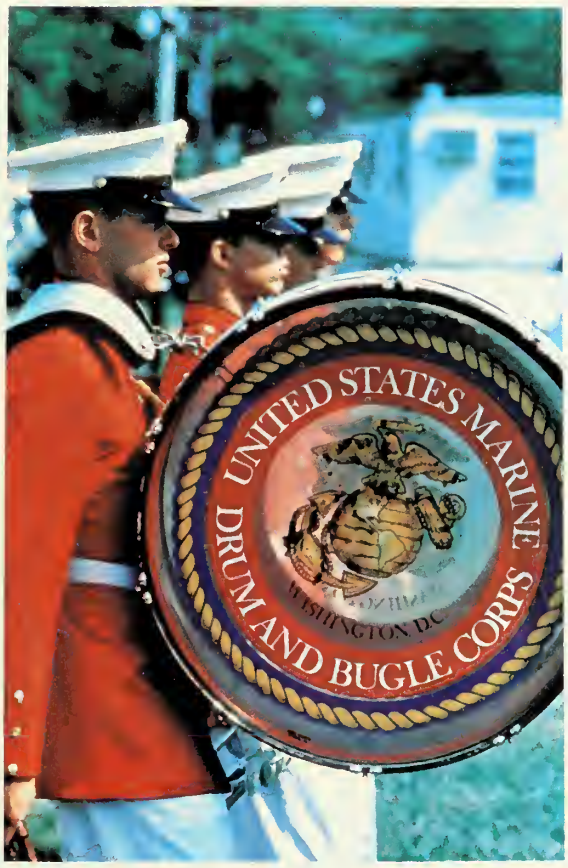
As we reflect on the past year, we all share a deep sense of pride in the performance of all units of the Force. This Bicentennial edition of our publication is dedicated to each member of the Force in gratitude for a job well done.



An expanded Aide program freed officers from many routine duties

President Ford's visit to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Annual parades emphasized the Bicentennial theme - the July 3rd parade was one of the largest ever



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Police activities

United States Park Police Strike Force Communications System at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Guilford, North Carolina

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Freedom of speech was reaffirmed in many ways during the Bicentennial

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The departure of the Bicentennial Wagon Train from Fort Laramie National Historic Site, Wyoming

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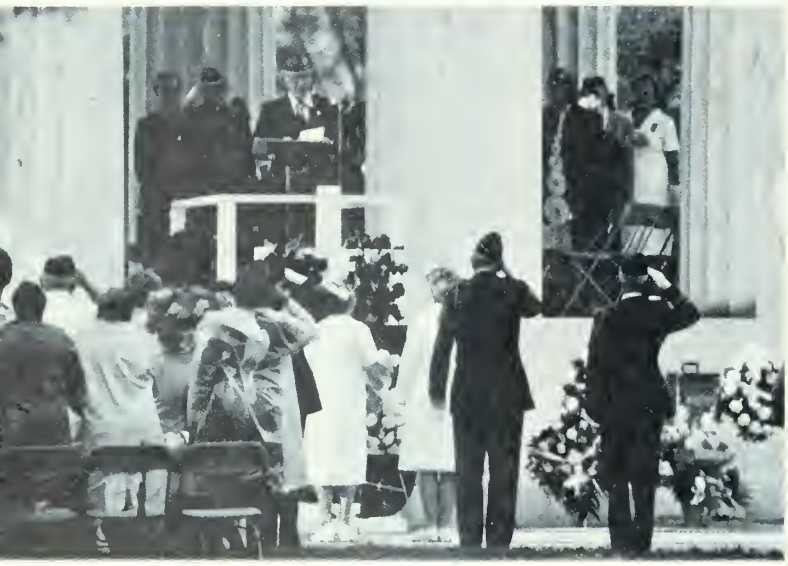
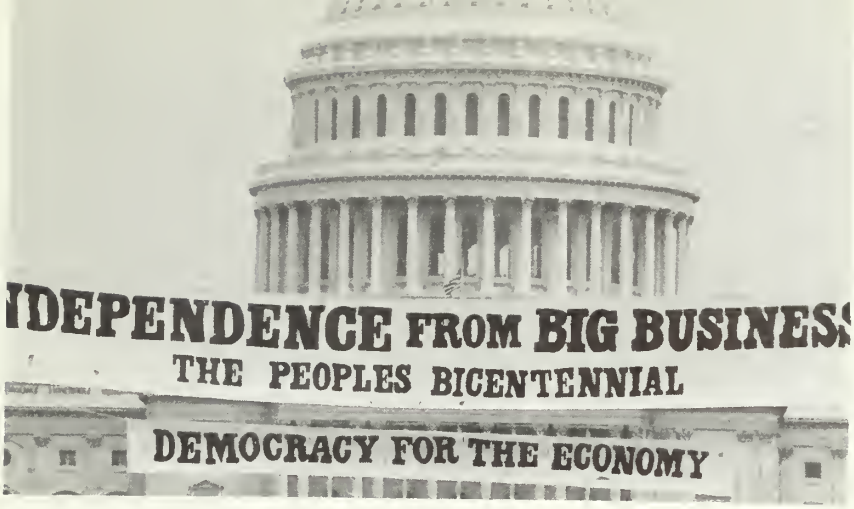


Demonstrations and other activities on Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, 1976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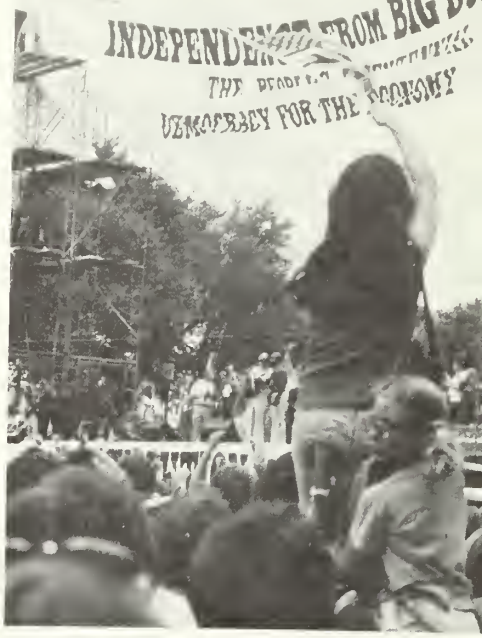
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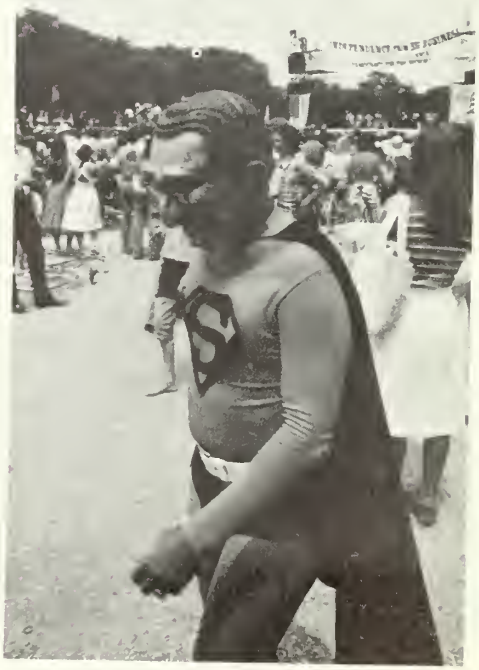


The Festival of American Folklife - entertainment, education, cultural heritage

President Ford's visit to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Visitor assistance continues to be foremost in Force activities

President Ford's visit to Armed Forces Week display

Special entertainment activities

Special recreation activities

Foreign leaders participate in the celebration

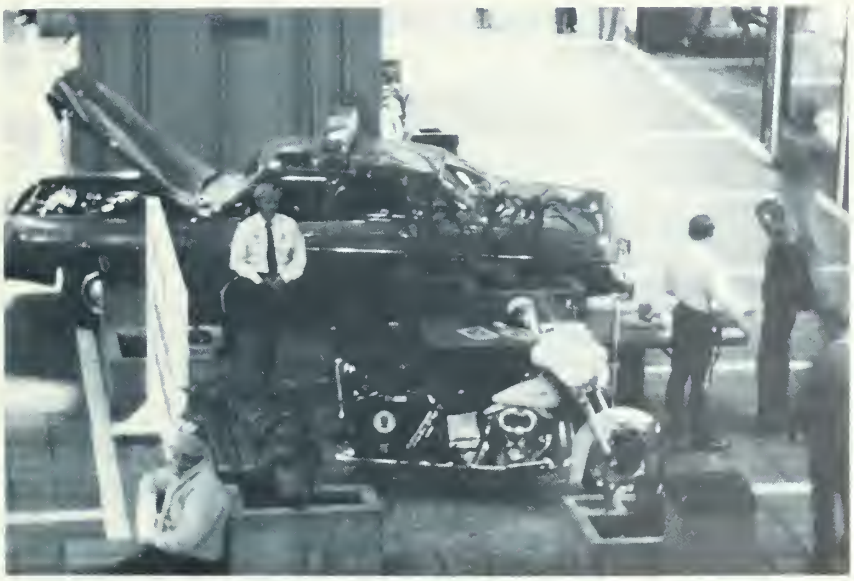
The visit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel .....

The visit of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia of Spain **21**

Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Boston National Historical Park .....

Short duration special events for visitors

.....The official visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



Local Force and community activities

July 4th celebration - Washington Monument grounds

United States Park Police Strike Force Communications System at Minute Man National Historical Park, Concord, Massachusetts

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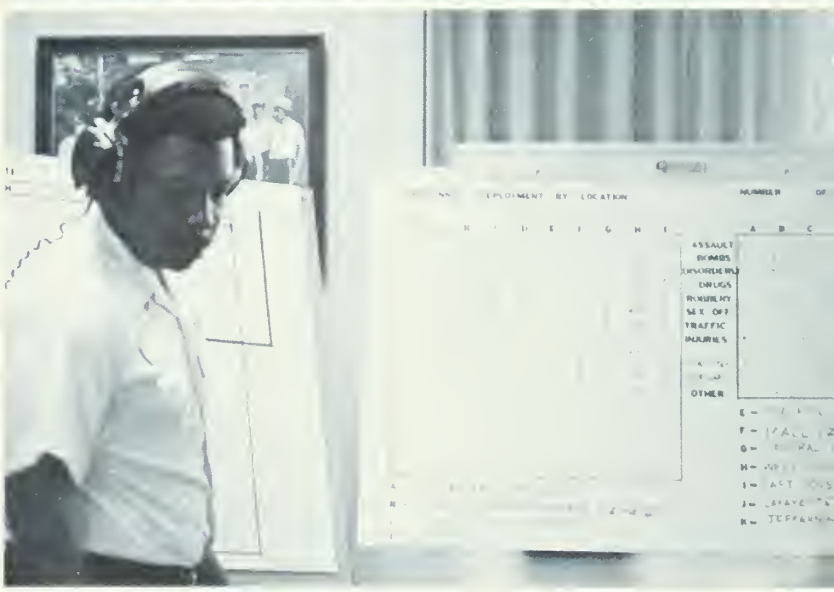

The fireworks display at the Capitol Reflecting Pool

After the celebration, the return to normal

United States Park Police security patrols. Presidential visit to Camp David

Demonstrations, Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18, 1976

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